GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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WITHHOLDING OF ASSISTANCE FOR NOT HOLDING PANCHAYAT ELECTIONS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government plan to withhold the assistance being given to the States where Panchayat Elections have not been held so far;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government are aware that some States have spent the funds allocated to Panchayats on the other heads;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to discourage this practice?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)

(a) The Guidelines of the various Schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development do not stipulate any condition for withholding funds to the States where Panchayat elections have not been held.

(b) to (e) Question does not arise.